

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in relation to the present patent application.

Listing of Claims

1. (original) A reel comprising:
a hub;
a guide member is positionable with respect to the hub such that the hub and the guide member cooperate to form a surface for receiving the magnetic tape; and
a securing mechanism for releasably securing the position of the guide member with respect to the hub.
2. (original) The reel as recited in claim 1, comprising at least one flange portion coupled to the hub, wherein the securing mechanism is coupled to the at least one flange portion.
3. (original) The reel as recited in claim 2, wherein the securing mechanism includes a resilient member configured to bias an engagement portion coupled to the resilient member into a corresponding receiving portion located on the guide member.
4. (original) The reel as recited in claim 1, wherein the securing mechanism locks the guide member and the hub to a first position and unlocks the guide member and the hub to a second position.
5. (original) The reel as recited in claim 4, wherein the securing mechanism comprises engageable tab and notch structures correspondingly located on the hub and the guide member.

6. (original) The reel as recited in claim 1, the securing mechanism comprises a biasing member to secure the position of the guide member with respect to the hub.

7. (original) The reel as recited in claim 6, wherein the securing mechanism engages the guide member to a hub in a first position and disengages the guide member to the hub in a second position.

8. (original) The reel as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the hub, guide member, and the securing mechanism comprises magnetic components.

9. (original) A reel comprising:

a hub;

a guide member positionable with respect to the hub such that the hub and the guide member cooperate to form a surface for winding the magnetic tape; and

a securing mechanism configured to secure the guide member to the hub, such that magnetic tape is windable onto the hub and the guide member in a first direction of rotation and a second direction of rotation while the guide member is secured to the hub.

10. (original) The reel as recited in claim 9, wherein the securing mechanism releasably engages the guide member to the hub.

11. (original) The reel as recited in claim 9, wherein the securing mechanism comprises at least one resilient member moveable to lock the position of the guide member with respect to the hub.

12. (original) The reel as recited in claim 11, wherein the securing mechanism comprises a flange with a tab.

13. (original) The reel as recited in claim 9, comprising a track portion located on the flange portion and configured to direct the guide member into engagement with the securing mechanism to form the surface in cooperation with the hub.

14. (original) The reel as recited in claim 9, wherein the first direction of rotation is a clock-wise direction and the second direction of rotation is a counter-clockwise direction.

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